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ABSTRACT

This annotated bibliography contains about 50 books on Oregon history for student reading. It includes topics such as fishing, pioneer families, frontier life, geography of the northwest, trading and mining, Indians, and the Oregon Trail. Most of the books listed are fiction. A few easily read nonfiction books are included. Most listings identify the appropriate grade level. Entries are listed alphabetically by author. (ND)

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The following bibliography, mostly fictional titles, includes a few nonfiction books when such titles are highly readable. Because they are easily found in other sources, fictional accounts of the Oregon Trail are not included.

* Adair, Margret. FAR VOICE CALLING. Doubleday, 1964. (7-8)
A lonely boy grows up in a Finnish fisherman's colony on the Columbia River.

Allen, T. D. DOCTOR IN BUCKSKIN. Harper Row, 1951. (8 up)
The true story of Dr. Marcus Whitman written as a novel.

Allen, Merritt P. EAST OF ASTORIA. McKay, 1956. (6-9)
Young Rob Stuart becomes a co-partner in the newly formed Astoria Company.

* _____. MAKE WAY FOR THE BRAVE. McKay, 1950 (6-9)
Red, a young trapper without a family, travels across the Rockie Mountains to Oregon.

Arntson, Herbert Edward. CARAVAN TO OREGON. Binfords & Mort. (7-11)
Tom travels to Oregon in search of his father. Based on a true story in 1838.

* _____. FRONTIER BOY; A STORY OF OREGON. Washburn, 1967. (4-6)
Twelve-year-old Davy grows up, solving his problems as they come.

Atwater, Montgomery M. AVALANCHE PATROL. Random, 1951 (4-7)
An avalanche patrolman at a western ski resort is involved in a mystery. May or may not be set in Oregon.

Bailey, Bernadine. THE PICTURE BOOK OF OREGON. Whitman, 1967. (3-6)
One of a series of picture books about individual states.

* Baker, Charlotte. VENTURE OF THE THUNDERBIRD. (7 up)
Adventure in the early days of the fur trade.

Beatty, Patricia. HAIL COLUMBIA. Morrow, 1970. (5-9)
What happened in Astoria in 1893 when Louisa's aunt, a sufferagette, came for a visit.

Bonham, F. THE FRIENDS OF THE LOONY LAKE MONSTER. Dutton, 1972. (4-6)
Gussie Grant moves from Los Angeles to an Oregon sheep ranch, opening a whole new world of adventure to her.

Carr, Mary Jane. CHILDREN OF THE COVERED WAGON. Crowell, 1957. (3-7)
The story of a group of pioneers on the trail from Independence Missouri to the Willamette Valley.

_____. YOUNG MAC OF FORT VANCOUVER. Crowell, 1940. (6 up)
Young Donald MacDermott is placed in charge of the Hudson Bay company's western fur-trading post at Vancouver.

Cleary, Beverly. EMILY'S RUNAWAY IMAGINATION. Morrow, 1961. (4-6)
It is the 1920's and Pitchfork needs a public library. Emily has many adventures and misadventures seeing that her town gets one.

_____. "Henry Huggins" books. Morrow (4-6)
Most of these stories take place in and around Portland.

Corbin, William. SMOKE. Coward-McCann, 1967. (5-8)
A boy's relationship with his stepfather, mother, sister, and Smoke, a dog. Set in the mountains of Oregon.

* Dick, Trella. BURRO ON THE BEACH. Follet, 1967. (4-6)
On a Northwest ocean beach, some children are caught up in a series of incidents including hidden caves and illegal rocket launchings.

* _____. VALIENT VANGUARD. Abelard, 1960. (5-7)
This story, which begins and ends in Washington and Idaho, includes a segment in Oregon City during the 1840's.

* Dryden, Cecil Pearl. BY THE SEA ON THE TONQUIN. Caxton, 1956. (7 up)
The beginnings of the fur-trade at Astoria.

Fuller, Ethel R. SKYLINES. Binfords and Mort, 1952. (1-6)
Poems about the geographic features of the Pacific Northwest.

Greve, Alice. FROM OUT OF THIS HOUSE. Binfords & Mort, 1945. (5-7)
A stirring novel of Portland during the territorial days.

* Hayden, Gwendolen Lampshire. MUSLIN TOWN. Binfords & Mort, 1946. (4-5)
Early pioneer and gold-mining days in Eastern Oregon.

Hyde, Dayton O. CRANES IN MY CORRAL. Dial, 1971. (4-7)
The author writes about his experiances with breeding sandhill cranes in Southeast Oregon.

Lampman, Evelyn Sibley. CAYUSE COURAGE. Harcourt, 1970. (4-6)
A young Cayuse warns the Whitman Mission of an impending Indian attack.

_____. GO UP THE ROAD. Antheum, 1972. (5-9)
The story of the Chicanos in Oregon to harvest the crops. Pap's eyes are opened to the possibilities of a new life with courage and dignity.

* _____. HALF-BREED. Doubleday, 1967. (4-6)
A Crow Indian boy searches out his father in Oregon City during the territorial days.

* _____. TREASURE MOUNTAIN. Doubleday, 1949. (5-8)
Two half-Indian boys leave the government school to spend a summer with their aged great-aunt who lives alone on a river between the mountains and the sea.

* _____. ROGUE'S VALLEY. Lippincott, 1952. (5 up)
The story of gold-mining and Indian fighting in Southern Oregon in the 1850's.

* Lenski, Lois. TO BE A LOGGER. Lippincott, 1967. (4-6)
A boy who grows up in a Southern Oregon (Tiller) logging town, questions his future as a logger after a frightening experiance in the woods.

* McDonald, Lucille Saunders. PIGTAIL PIONEER. Winston, 1956. (3-5)
The 1850's in the Oregon Territory and life affects the children of a pioneer family.

McGraw, Eloise Jarvis. MOCCASIN TRAIL. Coward-McCann, 1952. (6-8)
Jim Keath faces the task of adjusting to a new way of life when he returns to his pioneer family in Orgon after nine years with the Crow Indians.

McGraw, Eloise Jarvis. SAWDUST IN HIS SHOES. Coward-McCann, 1971. (4-7)
Joe Lang's father is killed during his lion-taming act in the circus. Having no guardian, Joe is placed in a boys school, from which he soon escapes. Joe then sets out for Portland to meet up with the circus.

* McKeown, Martha Ferguson. COME TO OUR SALMON FEAST. Binfords & Mort, 1959. (4-8)
The photographic story of the Wy-am Indians who live beside the Celilo Falls.

* _____. LINDA'S INDIAN HOME. Binfords & Mort, 1956. (4-6)
Simular to the above title, this is the real-life story of a little girl living in the village of Celilo Falls.

Miller, Joaquin. TRUE BEAR STORIES. Binfords, n.d. (7-9)
First-hand experiances with bears in Northern California, Southern Oregon, etc.

* Montgomery, Rutherford George. MOUNTAIN MAN. World, 1957. (4-6)
The story of a real boy who grew into a man and a legend.

Morey, Walt. GLOOMY GUS. Duttor, 1970. (4 up)
The story of Eric Strong who found an orphaned Kodiac Bear cub and raised him.

_____. YEAR OF THE BLACK PONY. Dutton, 1976. (4 up)
A twelve-year-old living in frontier Oregon, fights hard for the survival of his pony and family.

Nathan, Dorothy. THE SHY ONE. Random House, 1971. (3-7)
Some Jewish refugees arrive in a small Oregon town in 1921.

* Nelson, Marg. MYSTERY AT LAND'S END. Farrar, 1961. (7-11)
A fifteen-year-old girl goes to live on the Oregon coast.

Olson, Gene. THE BALLHAWKS. Westminster, 1960. (7-10)
The absorbing story of a young New York basketball coach who moves to a small provincal Oregon community where change is resisted.

* Powers, Alfred. MAROONED IN CRATER LAKE. Binfords & Mort, 1930. (5-11)
Stories of the old Oregon trail, the Umpqua trail, and the Skyline trail.

Rumsey, Marian. BEAVER OF WEEPING WATER. Morrow, 1969 (4-6)
The story of Eastern Oregon. Joey tries to get rid of the beaver dam to let the water through to the farm without killing the beaver.

Russell, Ashley. SISKIYOU TRAIL. Binfords & Mort, 1959 (6-12)
Gold rush and pioneer days ir Northern California and Southern Oregon.

* Sperry, Armstrong. RIVER OF THE WEST. Winston, 1952. (4-7)
The story of the sea-faring days on the Columbia.

* Truchot, Theresa. CHARCOAL BOY. Binfords & Mort, 1952. (5-6)
A story of Orgon pioneers and the old Iron Smelter at Oswego i: the 1860's.

Wood, Elizabeth Lambert. LONG ROPE. Binfords & Mort, 1955. (5-11)
Three boys find the journey from Jacksonville to The Dalles is no easy journey on horseback.

_____. MANY HORSES. Binfords & Mort, 1953. (5-11)
Ira learns how to be a mountain freighter through the Cascades into the Rogue River Valley.

Young, Bob & Young, Jan. FIFTY FOUR-FORTY OR FIGHT. Messner, 1967. (7 up)
An account of the history of the Oregon Territory from discovery and exploration to statehood.

* = out of print